

**Abstract**

An interface file definition is used to translate data files in a particular format to another format. Data from a centralized source is translated into a format that set forth in an interface file definition. The interface file definition is created by entering the desired format of the information to be imported. Once all the information regarding the format is entered, the data is translated to the desired format. The desired format is typically a format that is easily used by another computer program to more easily process the desired information.